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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged on all sizes in New York and Chicago. In most other locations, prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. Elsewhere, prices were irregular on mediums and ranged from lower in Florida to higher in California and parts of the Midwest. The market tone was steady to mostly fully steady. Demand into all channels was moderate to good, best where items were featured. Supplies were generally adequate although the larger sizes were reported as occasionally tight in the Midwest. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate and demand was light to moderate. Light type fowl were ample to burdensome for irregular processing schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 5.5 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 9 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to instances good, best where items were featured. Supplies were generally adequate for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate and demand for additional product was moderate. Light type hens were ample to burdensome.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were sharply higher for the larger sizes and unchanged to higher for the lighter weights. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to instances good where features were a factor. Food service movement was seasonably moderate to fairly good. Supplies were usually adequate to at times tight for the larger sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly light with offerings generally adequate for current needs. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment fully steady. Retail and food service demand moderate and best where feature are a factor. Offerings generally adequate.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta, prices were higher on larger sizes and unchanged on medium. In Florida, prices were higher on heavier weights, lower on medium, and unchanged on small. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to instances good, best where features were planned or in progress for this week. Supplies were generally adequate for current requirements. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending May 18, 2001 was 50.40 cents, 1.58 cents more than the week before and 1.42 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were about adequate to adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hens were ample to burdensome for the light demand.

**WESTERN** Prices in California 9 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents higher on medium and small; in the Northwest 7 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, 3 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was unchanged from last Monday with California down 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 2%. Retailer demand moderate to good, best where features planned. Offerings light.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels was moderate to at times good, best where featured. Supplies were generally adequate for trade needs.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS**, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	100-102	87-89	70-72
New York	64-66	61-64	48-51
Philadelphia	58-64	56-62	47-48

### SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	57-58	55.5-57	39-40
Jackson (1)	67-68	64-65	48-49
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	64-77	61-75	45-59

### MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	54-59	53-58	40-45
Detroit (2)	51-54	50-53	36-39
Major Ohio Cities (2)	50-58	49-56	37-43
Major Wisconsin Cities	55-62	53-60	40-47

### WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	72-77	67-71	51-54
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	93	85	75

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 9 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 1% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand improved, best where features planned. Offerings light. Small invoice price 55. Ads in Northern California: major-large dozen buy 1 get 1 free.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

### RANGE

JUMBO	101
EXTRA LARGE	93
LARGE	85
MEDIUM	75

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	219-259
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	169-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 25, 2001 will increase by 11 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 18, 2001 were 241,861 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	206,916	34,945	241,861
% change from the prior week.....	-2	+7	-1

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly light with offerings generally adequate for current needs. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	25-28	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	8-12	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-MAY-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-12 CENTS/LB.	9-9.5	9.13

WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Finished product supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was about steady to steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-MAY-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.25-10.5 CENTS/LB.	7.25-9	8.24
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 21, 2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.3	14.1	6.3	11.1	8.7 48.5
	Change	0.8	-0.4	0.5	-0.1	-0.6 0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.3	32.4	13.5	22.2	19.6 115.0
	Change	-0.3	3.7	0.4	-2.9	-0.1 1%
Large	Curr Wk	44.3	87.3	71.7	66.1	90.9 360.3
	Change	3.6	8.3	7.4	-3.0	6.3 7%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.2	29.7	16.1	23.2	22.0 108.2
	Change	1.2	0.6	-0.4	-0.7	0.4 1%
Small	Curr Wk	3.1	5.9	1.7	3.2	4.9 18.8
	Change	0.9	-0.7	-0.7	-0.8	-0.8 -10%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	21.3	3.4	9.8	5.1 44.1
	Change	-0.1	1.0	-0.8	0.9	0.4 3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	28.0	63.6	18.5	24.7	25.7 160.5
	Change	-0.6	-3.3	-0.6	4.4	-5.1 -3%
Total	Curr Wk	132.7	254.3	131.2	160.3	176.9 855.4
Percent	Change	4%	4%	5%	-1%	0% 2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	855.4	2%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	303.7	-10%	38
Total Shell Egg	1159.1	-1%	210

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 07, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
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178.8	175.8	166.7	113.6
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MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MAY 07, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
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139	139	129	77
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**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 18, 2001

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	10.25	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	17.25	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	27.50
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	—	—	35.50	37.00	—	—	8.00		GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	56.75	2.00			
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	52.25	3.00			
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	46.25	—	4.25		GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	36.00	1.00			
GL W LG	—	—	42.00	44.00	43.00	—	5.00												
GL W MD	—	—	26.00	—	—	—	2.00												
GL W SM	—	—	21.00	23.00	—	—	1.00												
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00												
NRBS - 39	—	—	8.00	10.00	—	—	.25												

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/12/01-05/18/01

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	97.75	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	57.50	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	155.25
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	LOADS
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	44.57	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.00	
GNR W 1	30.50	43.10	33.50	34.17	43.75	42.00	54.00		GNR BR 1	—	41.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 2	—	36.00	31.00	—	32.50	35.00	5.00		GL W XL	—	51.50	—	—	—	—	54.61	7.25		
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	25.00	1.00		GL W LG	42.00	42.00	—	—	—	—	51.13	15.75		
GNR W 4	—	31.00	27.50	—	30.00	31.00	3.00		GL W MD	32.50	31.00	—	40.25	—	—	38.06	9.00		
GNR BR 1	—	—	38.50	40.00	—	—	2.00		GL W SM	24.00	—	—	—	—	—	32.00	1.00		
GL W XL	38.50	50.40	—	—	44.62	51.00	12.75		NRBS - 42	15.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GL W LG	38.50	49.05	39.10	42.45	41.37	—	29.75												
GL W MD	29.00	30.00	26.90	29.98	32.00	33.50	17.50												
GL W SM	22.00	25.00	22.00	24.00	—	—	4.00												
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	31.00	1.00												
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	28.50	30.00	10.00												
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	19.00	1.00												
NRBS - 39	—	—	8.00	10.00	—	—	.25												

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 05/06/01 - 05/12/01**

State	# Cases Shipped To		# Cases Shipped To	# Cases Shipped To	Total State
	Northern, CA	Central, CA	Southern, CA		
California	3,480.00	745.00	5,510.00		9,735.00
Colorado	0.00	0.00	1,672.00		1,672.00
Indiana	0.00	0.00	850.00		850.00
Iowa	3,982.00	1,728.00	17,683.00		23,393.00
Michigan	0.00	0.00	840.00		840.00
Minnesota	500.00	0.00	7,310.00		7,810.00
Missouri	0.00	0.00	10,732.00		10,732.00
Montana	0.00	0.00	357.00		357.00
New Hampshire	0.00	0.00	810.00		810.00
New Jersey	0.00	0.00	800.00		800.00
New York	0.00	0.00	950.00		950.00
Ohio	0.00	0.00	3,360.00		3,360.00
Oregon	1,230.00	2,084.00	0.00		3,314.00
Texas	0.00	0.00	3,265.00		3,265.00
Utah	3,936.00	2,876.00	2,294.00		9,106.00
Washington	30.00	0.00	0.00		30.00
Wisconsin	0.00	0.00	12.00		12.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,158.00</b>	<b>7,433.00</b>	<b>56,445.00</b>		<b>77,036.00</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>13,158.00</b>	<b>7,433.00</b>	<b>56,445.00</b>		<b>77,036.00</b>

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
112-115	81-84	68-71	51-54	18-21

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
59-62	50-56	48-53	34-39	24-28

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
33-35	19-21	10-12

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
70.81	68.50	56.65	44.51

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	05/14/01	05/07/01	05/15/00
PACIFIC COAST	387	281	455
LOS ANGELES	343	243	333

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 05/6/01-05/12/01  
30-dozen cases 5,276

Receipts from the mainland: 04/29/01-05/5/01  
30-dozen cases 6,743

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